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Project 30.830

1. Project 30.830 has received a most careful review by the D/I office, analysts in D/A, who have been concerned with the measurement problem for a number of years, and also representatives in the Department of State.

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2. D/I concurs with the observations made by [REDACTED] in behalf of [REDACTED], Branch Chief, I/CI.

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3. The report represents an important methodological improvement in the preparation of indexes of Soviet household consumption. It is probable that the error in measurement of changes through time are about the order indicated in the paper. In addition, however, to the areas for further research suggested in para. 3 of [REDACTED] memorandum, there remains an unresolved disparity between the absolute levels of consumption which may be estimated from the basic data and Soviet reports of the value of retail sales. The Branch plans to devote some research effort to this question in FY'57.

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